

WOULD BRING SECTIONS CLOSER BY GOOD ROADS

Lewis C. Williams, of the Auto Club, Pleads for Such Action.

At the board of directors' meeting of the Automobile Club of Richmond held during this past week, special attention was given to the subject of the directors in the promotion of "good roads" propaganda, the spirit of the meeting not being solely interested in the benefits to be derived by the motorists, but also on behalf of the commercial interests. It was brought out that thousands of automobiles enter the State of Virginia each year bearing the license tags of other States, and that this is to the interest of Richmond business that the local club is exerting its influence to bring about better highway conditions in Virginia, through which a great number of these cars pass.

Lewis C. Williams, president of the club, stated that the State will prosper when better roads are constructed. In commenting on the present condition, Mr. Williams said: "Virginia is now practically divided into two separate provinces, namely, the Piedmont, the Valley, the South-west, the Tidewater and the South-side sections. It is, indeed, a deplorable condition that the means of communication between these sections of Virginia are not made possible by motor. Surely the residents of all of these communities will benefit both royally and from a business standpoint when they are able to visit with ease and comfort. Virginia will, in fact, be harmoniously united and its people and industries be brought closer together when better roads are a reality and this club will labor untiringly in an effort to bring them about in the near future."

The club is making splendid progress in securing members. It was announced at the headquarters in the lobby of the Jefferson Hotel yesterday, and is active in advising motorists touring out of this city and to the road conditions in this State. Members are making reports on roads over which they pass and this information is being placed on file in the original form for the benefit of those making inquiry of the club. The following report was received by Secretary Roy King yesterday of the road from Richmond to Charlottesville: "The River Road is good for thirty-five miles out of Richmond. Thence to Scottsville it is only passable by an expert and careful driver in dry weather. I cannot remember passing over a worse stretch in ten years. There is about three miles of concrete from Scottsville and then mud and red clay is encountered for the next five miles when concrete continues on into Charlottesville. It took our party over six hours to cover eighty-five miles." The letter was received from a member of the Keystone Automobile Club of Philadelphia, who passed through Richmond this week. The National Board of Directors' meeting of the American Automobile Association is to take place on May 15 and 16, in St. Louis, and Secretary F. M. Boykin will represent the local club among the 500 delegates who will attend from other cities.

STRASBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STRASBURG, VA., May 13.—Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wilson, who spent the winter in Florida, arrived here Tuesday to spend the summer months with relatives in town.

E. W. Raley spent the week-end in Washington with his daughter, Mrs. Gus Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Miller and little daughter, Lela, returned from their home in Harrisonburg on Wednesday and spent the day with Mrs. George Dean. They brought with them Mrs. Dean's mother, Mrs. Mary Pifer, who will spend some time here with her daughter. Mrs. Pifer is 90 years of age.

The Strasburg baseball team will play their first game of the season on May 15. On Decoration Day the young girls of the town will sell tags for the benefit of the team. The Strasburg Jads will play the New Market nine on Decoration Day afternoon and in the evening the team will hold a dance in the New Strand Theater.

Dr. Herman Pifer, an interne at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, is spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pifer, near Fisher's Hill.

C. S. Painter returned Tuesday from Salem, Va., where he attended the funeral services for his brother-in-law, the late Ivan V. Yonce, of Edinburg.

"Red" Herrell, of Waynesboro, Pa., has arrived in Strasburg and is preparing to put on the season's series of baseball games. Herrell will pitch for the local team this year.

Mrs. Melvin Gochenour, who has been spending some time in Northern cities, is now the guest of her parents at their home near town.

J. E. Wilomam, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days in town. Mrs. Noah Hockman, of Detroit, Mich., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Edmonds.

THIS STRAY MONGREL BROUGHT A FORTUNE

NEW YORK, May 13.—The man who shoots a stray mongrel into the street may be kicking a fortune away," spouts Charles Geo. owner of Brownie, the famous Century Comedy canine actor.

Geo. found the dog in a pound, took him home and cared for him. Brownie is "taking care" of Geo., who is being supported by Brownie's pay envelope in the manner to which he was accustomed to live.

Now Geo. has paraphrased an old motto.

He says: "Find a pup and pick it up—And all your life you'll have good luck."

Doesn't rhyme, but it's the right sentiment.

Will Talk on Poet Poe.

The English literature class of the University of Richmond has invited S. P. Cowardin, Jr., and J. H. Whitty to make addresses on the subject of Edgar Allan Poe, at Westhampton Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Interesting new Poe pictures will be shown from slides, many of them Poe haunts and homes about Richmond. Several of Poe's poems set to music will be rendered, among them "Bridal Song." Miss Cassidy, of the English literature class, will preside.

Do Post Lodge to Meet.

HOPWELL, VA., May 13.—Du Pont Lodge, Masonic Order, will hold a regular meeting Monday night in the lodge rooms on Sixth Street. This order is one of the strongest in Hopewell and is accomplishing much good for the city.

Nokomis Council, Daughters of Pocahontas, will also hold a meeting at 6 o'clock over the Marcella Theater, on Broadway, Monday evening.

STUARTS DRAFT VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Entire Town Threatened. Loss Footing Up Approximately \$75,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, VA., May 13.—Fire of unknown origin, taking early today in Stuartdraft, destroyed four buildings, damaged a fifth, the Peoples Bank, caused a loss roughly estimated at about \$75,000, and threatened for a time to wipe out the entire town.

The buildings destroyed were: J. H. Caver's produce house, S. B. Shaver's store and Herbert Harris' residence. The Peoples Bank was badly damaged. Starting in the cover produce house, the flames were discovered by a woman living across the street. The alarm was sounded, and within a few minutes the entire population was out helping to carry stuff from threatened buildings nearly into a safety zone. Lack of water supply proved a menacing handicap, and the flames swept through the produce houses, consuming a ton of chickens and carload of eggs, ready for shipment and unharmed.

Firemen from Staunton, Basic and Annapolis were summoned and rendered material assistance in overcoming the flames.

INCOME TAX AIDS IN FIXING SALARY

NEW YORK, May 13.—Director Henry King "taught" a boastful actor the other day through the medium of the income tax.

"This actor," said King, "is really a good one and we wanted him especially to play a certain part. When we asked him the salary he wanted he named a figure that would make even Will Hays gasp, of course. I refused. He dropped a paper as he was leaving my office. I picked it up. I couldn't help seeing that it was the working sheet of the actor's income tax return."

"Later I called him up and said: 'I'll give you the salary you told the government you were getting. He agreed with alacrity, and is now hard at work.'"

EVEN CONVICTS HISS VILLAIN IN MOVIES

NEW YORK, May 13.—They were, reader, Dick Barthelmess, the angel-faced one, will never, never, never, appear as a villain.

Not that Dick had any intention whatsoever of appearing in a heavy role, but if he had had such an ambition a visit to Sing Sing would have squelched it.

"I got back from Sing Sing," offered Dick, "and I certainly learned a movie lesson. In one of the scenes on the screen, the villain temporarily triumphed, and you should hear the way the prisoners hissed him."

"If even the audience composed of real bad men hate a villain that bad, I never want to play one."

ASSERTS ACADEMY PLAYERS EQUAL TO BEST IN COUNTRY

Ralph E. Cummings Advocates Permanent Repertory Theater in Richmond for Development of Dramatic Art and Better Appreciation of Theatricals.

A permanent repertory theater in Richmond for the development of dramatic art and a better appreciation of the best in theatricals is advocated by Ralph E. Cummings, producer of many Broadway successes, an actor of distinction and formerly one of the most popular leading men on the American stage. Mr. Cummings now is directing the admirable company playing the Academy, with Miss Isabelle Lowe as its star. He has been a deep student, not only of dramatic writing and production, but of what is termed in theatrical parlance, as the "show game" and the psychology of audiences. Mr. Cummings has made an investigation of the theatrical situation in Richmond and has suggested a municipal movement for the encouragement and promotion of good entertainment.

Setting comfortably in his office chair, turning a cigarette reflectively between his fingers, Mr. Cummings discussed the theatrical conditions now prevailing. "Richmond hasn't yet come to realize it," he said, "but has the finest stock company in the country. This may seem a broad assertion, but I defy any one to disprove it. In the first place, I have been producing plays on Broadway—the original productions—and in stock companies of my own for more than twenty years. I know conditions, and any of the big producing managers in New York will tell you that I am more conversant with the business, and art of stock companies than any man in the country."

Company Equal to Any. "My present company is equal to any," continued the director, "and it is one of the three best in the country. The other two are the Jewett Players, in Boston, and the Stuart Walker Players, in Indianapolis. My company, however, is fortunate to excel theirs, for they have no Isabelle Lowe and no one who can even approach her in ability or appearance. Miss Lowe is a consummate artist. She gives this in her every movement, and it must be apparent to any one who will study her work."

Mr. Cummings took a draw on his cigarette and resumed: "Being starred by New York managers hasn't spoiled

her. On the contrary she has left what other actresses would call glory, fame and a life of comfort to buckle down to the strenuous work of the repertory theater that she may improve her art to its highest possibilities. There is nothing can stop her becoming one of the greatest stars of the contemporary stage. She has real genius, and Richmond some day will say with pride, 'We had her here once.'"

"I intend taking Miss Lowe to

London when I think the time proper, and presenting her as a high-price star. Other managers have wanted to do this, but, at that time, Miss Lowe wasn't satisfied with her ability, although she knew that other actresses with less talent had surpassed the venture with success. Do you appreciate what her work has meant in Richmond and what polished performances she has given? Miss Lowe has only one week to learn a part, study the characterization, arrange her wardrobe and present the finished product without hitch or miss. Of course, she has had me to help her to point the way for her—but could I do it with an ordinary actress? Indeed not, she is the most remarkable little girl Richmond has ever had or will have in many years, if ever."

Cannot Keep Miss Lowe Here. "I regret that we cannot come back to Richmond next year," said Mr. Cummings, grinding the cigarette beneath his heel. "We will stay this summer and complete our contract, but Richmond cannot have Miss Lowe another year at the prices for which we are now playing. I could not afford it when such cities as Toronto, Detroit, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati have made enticing offers for the presence of Miss Lowe."

Business here isn't bad far from it. But it isn't sufficient to induce me to stay longer than I am compelled by my contract. The business we are doing would easily have supported any of the stock companies which have previously played Richmond. The Academy Players is an expensive proposition. I will not put such an artist as Miss Lowe in a cheap setting and my production costs invariably are heavy."

"The only condition that would make it possible for me to have a company here next year would be to have the full season subscribed in advance by interested theatergoers. If a proposition of this kind

was made to me I would consider it. From what I have learned in conversation with several representative business men, the people of Richmond have lost interest in the theater. This means that the best in dramatic art, if not encouraged, will eventually be lost to the city. The subscription plan has been most successfully undertaken in other large cities. If Miss Lowe's admirers would see to it each week that individually they induce some friend who has not seen the star and her company to visit the Academy, I am sure the result would be a generally revived interest in the best of entertainment."

Motorman's Slayer Convicted.

MACON, GA., May 13.—Jack Smiley, negro, charged with murder in connection with the killing of A. L. Allgood, a street car motorman, was convicted in the Superior Court today and sentenced to hang on June 28.

It has, and it's really funny, too. The name of the travesty is "Cold Feet" and is an Educational-Christie comedy.

Harry D. Edwards, who plays the villain in "Cold Feet" will wear a souvenir of the film until his dying day. Recently he, Viora Daniel and "Joan Brown," a huge brown bear, supposed to be harmless, were acting in a scene. The bear forgot he was harmless and sank his teeth in Edwards' right wrist. Miss Daniel escaped.

NOW COMES TRAVESTY ON "SNOWSTUFF" FILM

NEW YORK, May 13.—With a million, more or less, "snowstuff" pictures turned loose within the last few months, it was only logical to presume that a travesty on this line of film drama would soon come to the surface.

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Only Another Week---Then the Pageant

The most thrilling spectacle ever shown in Virginia will be presented for six days during Pageant Week---May 22-28, in Richmond

Program for Pageant Week May 22-28

MONDAY

Coronation of Queen of the Pageant and Coronation Procession Through Richmond
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater

TUESDAY

Colonial Day—Historical Street Procession
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater
Alexandria Night—Colonial Ball

WEDNESDAY

Revolutionary and War of 1812 Procession
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater
University of Virginia Night—Revolutionary Ball

THURSDAY

Confederate and Floral Procession—Memorial Exercises at Hollywood Cemetery
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater
Roanoke Night—Confederate Ball

FRIDAY

Spanish and World War Procession
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater
Norfolk Night
Old Virginia Tournament at Fair Grounds
Spanish-American, World War and Tournament Ball

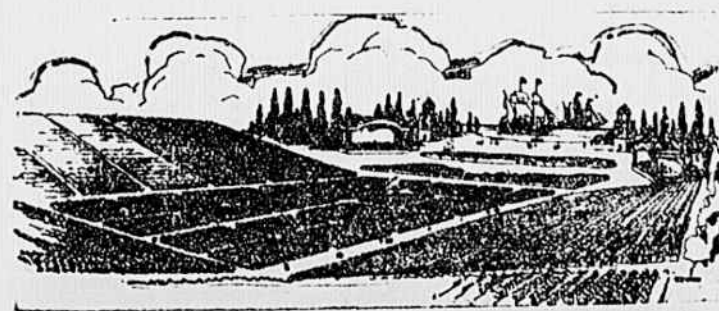
SATURDAY

Greater Virginia Day Commercial Float Procession
8 P. M.—Pageant Drama at the Amphitheater
Williamsburg Night

Tickets Now on Sale

Tickets for the Virginia Historical Pageant are now for sale at Cohen's, Miller & Rhoads' and Berry's. Prices from \$1.00 to \$2.50. Membership tickets should be exchanged now for the best seats at any of the above ticket offices. Boxes are on sale at the Pageant Office, Basement of Mutual Building. Prices for the week are: 6 seats, \$100; 8 seats, \$125; 10 seats, \$150.

This sketch gives a vague idea of the bigness of the Amphitheater on Westbrook Avenue, opposite the entrance to Bryan Park, where the Pageant Drama will be presented.



You'll always be glad you saw the Virginia Pageant. Six wonderful days—something doing all the time. The whole city a-flutter with the carnival spirit. People in Richmond from everywhere.

Morning, afternoons and evenings are crowded with interesting things to do. Don't let anything keep you away from Richmond during the week of May 22-28.

The Pageant Drama Is a Series of Plays Based on Virginia's History

Out under the stars the Pageant Drama—the play that has been written from Virginia's History—will be presented each and every night of Pageant Week. See the History of Virginia—dramatized. See John Smith and Pocahontas. See Bacon's Rebellion. See Patrick Henry and hear his speech. See the stirring scenes of the Revolution. See Lee during the Confederate Period. See the World War spectacle.

No plot ever developed in the brain of man can ever equal the History of Virginia for thrilling moments—for tragedy, pathos and humor.

Historical Street Processions Will Interest Thousands Daily

Every day of Pageant Week Historical Processions will be seen in the streets of Richmond. Beautiful floral floats and spectacular displays visualizing certain moments in Virginia's History have been prepared.

Floats have been entered in these processions from all over the State. Many sections have entered displays that have no equal for interest, unusual arrangement and beauty.

These Processions are a very important and interesting part of the great week's celebration.

Four Costume Balls

Among the most beautiful events in connection with the Pageant will be the spectacular costume balls in which will be gathered the chivalry and beauty of the State—on Tuesday and three succeeding nights.

Old Virginia Tournament

On Friday afternoon of Pageant Week, at 3 o'clock, an Old Virginia Tournament will be held. No single feature of the Virginia Pageant holds more interest than this interesting contest.

The Tournament will be held at the State Fair Grounds. See it!

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